

SENATE BILL No. 86

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Lake management work group. Establishes the lake management work group to study issues concerning public lakes.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) **The lake**
2 **management work group is established. The activities of the work**
3 **group established by this SECTION shall be directed to problems**
4 **and issues associated with lakes that meet the definition of a public**
5 **freshwater lake under IC 14-26-2-3.**

6 (b) **The work group consists of twenty-six (26) members**
7 **appointed as follows:**

8 (1) **Four (4) members of the general assembly, consisting of:**

9 (A) **two (2) members of the house of representatives who**
10 **may not be members of the same political party, appointed**
11 **by the speaker of the house of representatives; and**

12 (B) **two (2) members of the senate who may not be**
13 **members of the same political party, appointed by the**
14 **president pro tempore of the senate.**

15 (2) **Three (3) representatives of the department of natural**
16 **resources, at least one (1) of whom must be an officer in the**
17 **division of law enforcement, appointed by the governor.**

18 (3) **The commissioner of the department of environmental**



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management or the commissioner's designee.

(4) One (1) representative of the Indiana Lake Management Society or a similar organization of citizens concerned about lakes. This member is appointed by the governor.

(5) One (1) representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(6) One (1) representative of soil and water conservation districts organized under IC 13-3-1 or IC 14-32-3 (before their repeal). This member is appointed by the governor.

(7) Ten (10) members appointed by the governor, each of whom is:

(A) a participant in lake related recreational activities;

(B) a resident of a lake area;

(C) the owner or operator of a lake related business; or

(D) interested in the natural environment of Indiana lakes.

(8) One (1) representative of the United States Army Corps of Engineers appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the commander of the Louisville District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(9) One (1) representative of an agricultural organization. This member is appointed by the governor.

(10) One (1) representative of an environmental organization. This member is appointed by the governor.

(11) Two (2) other individuals appointed by the governor as at-large members.

(c) When appointing two (2) members of the house of representatives to the work group under subsection (b)(1)(A), the chairperson of the legislative council shall appoint one (1) of the representatives as the chairperson of the work group to serve beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

(d) When appointing two (2) members of the senate to the work group under subsection (b)(1)(B), the chairperson of the legislative council shall appoint one (1) senator as chairperson of the work group to serve beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

(e) The work group shall meet at the call of the chairperson and shall meet at least three (3) times each year.

(f) To fill the positions created by subsection (b)(7), the governor shall appoint at least one (1) resident to represent each congressional district in Indiana. Each individual who was

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1 appointed by the governor as a member of the work group under
 2 P.L.65-2000 (before its expiration) is appointed to serve on the
 3 work group until the governor appoints a successor.

4 (g) The work group is under the direction of the department of
 5 natural resources. The department may contract with a facilitator
 6 to facilitate the work of the work group. The department of natural
 7 resources shall staff the work group.

8 (h) The work group shall do the following:

9 (1) Monitor, review, and coordinate the implementation of the
 10 work group's recommendations issued under P.L.239-1997
 11 and P.L.65-2000.

12 (2) Facilitate collaborative efforts among commonly affected
 13 state, county, and local governmental entities in cooperation
 14 with lake residents and related organizations.

15 (3) Conduct public meetings to hear testimony and receive
 16 written comments concerning lake resource concerns and the
 17 implementation of the work group's recommendations.

18 (4) Develop proposed solutions to problems concerning the
 19 implementation of the work group's recommendations.

20 (5) Review, update, and coordinate the implementation of new
 21 and existing recommendations by communicating with the
 22 public, the general assembly, and other governmental entities
 23 concerning lake resources.

24 (6) Review and coordinate the development and maintenance
 25 of an Internet web site that includes information on the
 26 management of lake and watershed resources.

27 (7) Issue reports to the natural resources study committee
 28 when directed to do so.

29 (8) Review all funding that is used for Indiana's waterways,
 30 including potential funding sources that could be used by the
 31 general assembly to correct funding problems.

32 (9) Issue:

33 (A) an interim report before July 1, 2004; and

34 (B) a final report before July 1, 2005.

35 (i) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
 36 appointed to the work group are required for the work group to
 37 take action on any measure, including final reports.

38 (j) The work group shall make its reports available to:

39 (1) the natural resources study committee;

40 (2) the department of natural resources; and

41 (3) the public.

42 (k) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

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